

Please amend the existing claims in the following manner:

11. A composition of claim 22 wherein the solid support is a polymeric support.
12. A composition of claim 22 wherein the solid support forms a filter.
13. A composition of claim 22 wherein the solid support is a tape or sponge.
18. A composition of claim 21 wherein the peptide ligand is in a liquid medium.

Support for the subject matter as claimed is found particularly at the pages 9-10 and the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15, wherein the tagged peptides are exposed to spores of the target organisms.

RESPONSE

The claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as non-enabled in the specification. The rejection is traversed. While it is urged that a composition containing the peptides is novel and enabled in the application as filed, the most immediate use of the peptides is as tagged peptides to identify contaminants. Hence, in order to obtain that desirable protection, the claims have been narrowed to means exemplified in the cited